

# The book of imaginary beings

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The book of imaginary creatures was written by Jorge Luis Borges with Marguerite Guerrero and published in 1957 under the original Spanish title Guide to the zoology of fiction. It was expanded in 1967 and 1969 in Spain to the final of El libro de los seres imaginarios. The English edition, created in collaboration with translator Norman Thomas di Giovanni, contains descriptions of 120 mythical beasts from folklore and literature. In the foreword, Borges argues that the book should be read like all different... Not... Right through... Rather, we would like to see the reader dip into the pages at random, just as the one is playing with the changing kaleidoscope model; and that legends of male adopting animal shapes were omitted. Although a work of art, it is located in the tradition of paper museums, bestiaries and natural writing history. The creatures mentioned Bao A Tsu Creature, who lives on the stairs of the Victory Tower in Chittor. He can only move when the traveler climbs the stairs and he follows close on the man's heels. Its shape becomes more complete the closer it gets to the terrace at the top of the tower. He can only achieve this ultimate form if the traveler has received Nirvana, otherwise he is unable to continue. Abtu and Anet Two identical fish, which, according to Egyptian legend, swam before swimming in the sun of God's ship in search of danger. Alicanto mine is a mine inhabited by a bird that feeds on gold. He's being chased by miners. Ammit eater is most often associated with the Egyptian myth, Ammit visits the evil. He is described as having a crocodile head, a lion's tummy, and the backs of a hippo. Amphisbaena is a two-headed snake, with one head where its tail tends to be. It's poisonous and if cut in half, its two parts can be reunited. Beast, imaginary Kafka kangaroo-like animal with flat, man-like and a very long tail. The beast, imagined by Po Little, a flat animal with pure white fur and bright red claws and teeth. His head is feline, except for his dogs as ears. At the time of writing, sphere-shaped animals believed that planets and stars were actually living beings, and that the movement of celestial bodies was voluntary. Antelopes with six legs According to Siberian myth, these six-legged antelopes were too fast for a man to catch. The divine hunter, Tunk-poj, cut off the animal's hind legs to make the animal easier for humans to hunt. With three legs This massive creature is said to be standing in the middle of the ocean. It has three legs, six eyes, nine mouths and one golden horn. Axehandle Dog with the face of an axe, with a normal dog body. His diet consisted of axe pens that were left unattended. It is a night creature that travels from camp to camp. Bahamut is a huge, immeasurable fish that is often used to describe the spaces between heaven, earth and hell. Baldanders are also known as soon or different, these creatures can take different forms. Looks like he's got a human head and torso, a fish tail, a goat's leg, wings and bird claws. Banshee woman fairies have no clear shape, but instead describes her sharp walls. Baromets This animal is actually a lamb-shaped plant with golden fleece. Vasilisk's appearance has changed over the centuries, but most often it is considered a chicken snake with somewhere between four and eight legs. It is extremely poisonous, and his gaze can turn anyone into stone. The hippo is a massive creature that is often compared to an elephant or hippo. Small brown cakes are men who frequent homes while residents sleep to perform various duties. A burak horse is like a creature with long ears and wings and a peacock's tail. It can also have a person's face. Caljon is a black animal. Carbuncle is said to have been spotted in Latin America in the 16th century by Spanish conquistadors. Legends say that the carbuncle has some shiny mirror or a gem on its forehead, resembling a gem with that name. Many researchers allegedly searched for it, hoping to provide a gem, but to no avail. Described as a black buffalo with a boar's head, the creature's head is so heavy that it hangs low on the ground. It is also believed that like a basilisk, looking into your eyes will kill you instantly. Heavenly Rooster Heavenly Rooster, also known as the Rooster of Dawn, has three legs and makes its home in Fu-san tree, a mile-high tree that grows in the region of dawn. They say a crow three times a day; once at dawn, once at noon and once when the sun sets. Heavenly Deer Nobody has ever seen a heavenly deer. They live in underground mines in search of light They will try to bribe, talk and even torture the miners in their quest to reach the surface where they turn into a deadly liquid form. Centaur Famous beast with human torso and rear limbs of horse. Most are depicted as wild beasts, but others can be well studied in many arts. Cerberus three-headed dog is known to guard the gates of the underworld in Greek mythology. Charibdis Sea Monster. Once a beautiful ida and daughter of Poseidon and Gaia. It takes the form of a huge bladder creature whose face had a mouth and whose arms and legs were flippers and who swallows huge amounts of water three times a day before belching them back, creating whirlpools. The Cheshire cat is a rather mischievous cat with a big, grinning face. He can also make himself invisible, leaving behind only his disembodied smile. Chimera Although it may have several different shapes, chimera is most often described as a three-headed beast. Sprouting from the back is the head of a goat, the head of a lion in front and the head of a snake in the tail. A Chinese dragon compared to a western dragon, this dragon is considered divine and holy. It can often be seen with horns similar to horns and protrusions running along the spine. The Chinese dragon is often depicted with a pearl; the source of its power. Chinese Fox These foxes appear as medium foxes, but can sometimes be seen standing on their hind legs to walk. They presumably live about a thousand years, and bad omens to their mischievous ways. They are known to be werewolves and are able to see the future. Chinese Phoenix Two main creatures are described as a symbol of eternal love: male Feng and female Huang. They are described as very beautiful birds, like a peacock, have three legs, and live in the sun. Chongchon is a mythical bird from the Mapuche religion and Chilean and Argentine folklore. It has the shape of a human head with feathers and claws; his ears, which are extremely large, serve as wings for his flight on moonless nights. Ch'ou-Ti is a legendary Chinese creature with a head both front and back. Chrono or Hercules This dragon creature is often known by two names. Like the chimera, it consists of three heads: a bull's head in the front, a god's head in the middle and a lion's head in the back. Crocotta and Krocott's Leucrocotta is described as a hybrid of dog and wolf, and may be able to mimic the voice of a human. Lakerocotta is similar but is described as an antelope and a hybrid hyena. The crossing animal described by Kafka in the fight description is half cat and half lamb. His fur is woolly and soft, but it has a cat's face and claws. He doesn't make any sounds, and refuses to chase the rats. Inhabitants of ch'uan-T'ou Creatures with human heads, beaks and bat wings. Doppelgenger, also known as Double. Doppelgnger is best described as an accurate fellow human. Eastern Dragon Is Very Similar to the Chinese The same region, the Eastern Dragon takes about the same shape, but may lack wings. Pearl is also the source of its power, and they can make invisible if they so desire. The eight-code snake is a massive snake with eight heads and eight tails. His eyes are deeply red, and the trees are said to grow along his back. The elephant, predicting the birth of Buddha, a white elephant with six tusks, appeared in a dream, as his namesake suggests, predicted the birth of Buddha. Eloi and Morlocks In the installation of H. G. Wells' time machine, it is assumed that humans evolve (or pass) into two different species. Eloy is a thin and fragile artisan living on fruit. Morlocks are blind workers living underground and rising to the surface on moonless nights to feed on Eloi. Little Elves are aware of the actual appearance of elves, but they seem to be very small people, and are often portrayed as having pointed ears. They are known for causing all sorts of mischief, such as obfuscation of hair and theft of cattle. Fairy fairies are described as beautiful, tiny people who like to interfere in people's affairs. Fastitocolon Is a massive whale that many sailors often mistake for the island. Fauna Mirror It was believed that behind all mirrors there is another world inhabited by a large number of unknown and strange creatures. Fortunately, our worlds are now cut off from each other. Garuda This beast is the mountain of the god Vishnu. It is half human and half vulture, with a white face, deep red wings and a golden body. Gillygaloo is a bird that nests on mountain slopes and lays square eggs that lumberjacks use as bone. Goofang Fish (about the size of a sunfish, but much larger) that floats backwards to keep water out of view. Goof is a bird bird that builds its nest upside down and flies backwards. Dwarfs are sprites of land and hills, dwarves are often shown as bearded gnomes, often with rough features. They often keep an eye on treasures as well. Golem This creature was created for the purpose of performing men's duties, and was controlled by a magic tablet placed under his tongue. Usually apathetic and unaware if an uncontrollable creature enters a wild madness. Griffin Griffin is best described as an eagle with the body of a lion, and is very strong. Haniel, Kafziel, Azriel and Aniel are sometimes called angels, these four beasts also possessed four faces: the face of man, lion, bull and eagle. They also had four wings. Haokah Thunder God He appears as a man with big horns using the wind to beat his thunder drum. Harpy Creatures with the body of a vulture, the face of a woman, and insatiable hunger. They are described as having dirty genitals and a bad smell about them. Heavenly Rooster Also known as the Dawn Bird, this Chinese rooster has three legs and crows three times a day to signal dawn, noon and dusk. Hide a multi-eyed creature, similar to an octopus, in the form of animal skin. A strong, nocturnal creature that feeds on the intestines of its prey. He captures and hides from travelers in the woods, sucking in his body so that he can hide behind the trunk of any tree, or the person trying to look at him. They say they have an aversion to alcohol. The Hippogriff Creature, invented by Ludovico Ariosto in the 16th century in his epic Orlando Furioso, based on Virgil's expression denoting the impossible, to cross griffins with horses; The griffin (above) is a cross between a lion and an eagle considered by commentator Virgil Serius to hate horses. Hohigan is a longtime bushman who stole speechless animals. Borges attributes this to Descartes' idea that monkeys are silent to avoid having to work, and with the Argentinian author Lugones's account of chimpanzees killed by the strain of learning to speak. Xiao Owl is like a creature with a human face, a monkey's body, and a dog's tail. Hsing-T'ien Headless creature with eyes on his chest and mouth on his stomach. Hua Fish is a flying snake/fish that predicts drought. Hui is a fast-moving dog with a human head that laughs maliciously. Huallepen amphibian sheep as an animal that can mate with cows to produce deformed offspring; if a pregnant woman sees one, her child will also be deformed. Humbaba Giant sumer epic Gilgamesh, which guards mountain cedars, he is scaly, with vulture claws, lion paws, bull horns and tail and penis with snake heads at the ends. Also mentioned are male scorpions from the poem, which guard Mount Masha. One hundred heads of one hundred heads are said to be giant fish with many heads, each of which is different from the other animal. Legend has it that the fish was the reincarnated spirit of a monk who often referred to others as monkey head or something like that. The karma of these insults forced him to return as a monster. Hydra Lernei Multi-headed snake monster. When one of Hydra's heads is cut off, two more grow in its place. From the waist up, this creature has the shape of a human, but below the waist they have fins and a fish tail. Their forefeet is either in the form of a lion or a horse. An insect imagined by C.S. Lewis Strange, a joint insect consisting of a cylindrical body and many thin legs. Jewish Demons In the Jewish tradition the world between body and spirit is that of angels and devils, densely populated and including creatures from many other cultures. One of the devils is Keteb Mereri, Lord of Noonid and Scorching Summer. Jinn One of the three kinds of spiritual beings created by Allah in the Muslim tradition, the jinn is formed from air and fire, have five orders of magnitude, can be good or evil and of any sex and can appear as clouds or in various forms or be invisible. Borges mentions them by various legends, as well as Victor Hugo's poem Les Djinns, as well as a possible connection between the Latin genius and Jinn. Kilkenny Cats These Cats Often Fight With Every devours everything except the other tail. The King of Fire and his horse These creatures were fully formed from the ever-changing flame of fire. Kraken is a sea monster that is often described as a giant octopus or a giant squid. Kudjata is a giant bull with thousands of eyes, nostrils, mouths and legs that helps keep the peace (sitting on top of Bahamut). Lamed Woofniks there are exactly thirty-six Lamed Wufniks there. They say that without knowing it, they support the universe and affirm God. If someone comes to realize their goal, they immediately die and are replaced by another unsuspecting man. Lamia Half is a woman and half a snake, these creatures are said to have sprung from one of the various love interests of zeus. They are believed to be sorceresses, and although they can't talk they whistle sweetly. Laudatores Temporis Acti translates as The One Who Praises Past Times. Lemuri Lemuri were the souls of the evil dead, created by Romulus to conquer the restless spirit of his brother Remus. Leveler Reputed to live on the planet Neptune, this creature is 10 times larger than an elephant, and looks quite a bit like it. Its most notable features are its conical legs (which are flat at the bottom). Bricklayers use a leveller to smooth out hilly areas for construction projects. He is a herbivore and has few enemies. Lilith is a woman created before Eve, according to a Jewish document. Dante Gabriel Rossetti imagined her as a snake in Eden Bauer, and the resemblance of her name to the Hebrew world or night created an idea of her Middle Ages as the creature of the night. Lunar Hare Ideas forms seen in the lunar range include the English man on the moon, the legend of Cain forever holding spikes there, and the Chinese legend of the Moon Hare: He jumped into the fire to feed Buddha, who sent his soul to the moon, where he mixes the elixir of life. Mandrake In myth, mandrakes or mandragoras are familiar demons that appear in the figures of little people without beards. A manticore monster that has a human face, a lion's body, and a scorpion's tail. The Mermecolion Is an antlion hybrid that inevitably starves because it cannot eat either meat or grain, although its lion half craves the former and its ant half craves the latter. Minotaur Monster with the head of a bull and the body of a man. The monkey ink extract from Wang Tai Hai describes a small creature with black fur and scarlet eyes that sits writers and drinks their remnants of ink. The Monster Aharon Giant, above the mountain, with three mouths and all the hell in the belly, described in Tundale's Vision. The mother of the tortoise Giant tortoise from water and fire, on the shell of which is written Universal rule, divine treatise. Musical Serpent Four-winged Snake, which makes sounds similar to the Musical Stone. Naga Half Human, Half Snake Creature. Namazu This beast is said to be a giant cathas lives beneath the surface of the earth, and causes earthquakes with its movements. Nasnas a creature in the shape of a half man, with one leg, one hand, one eye and half a heart. Scandinavian women rule the fate of gods and men. They roughly correspond to other controllers of the fate of people in other countries of European mythology, such as Destiny. Nymphs Are Minor female deities of nature, usually associated with a particular place or form of land. Odradek The Subject of Caring for a Family Man (Die Sorge des Hausvaters), the story of Franz Kafka the offspring of the Leviathan creature of a medieval legend, a dragon who was half a beast and half a fish. Ocean Men Merman-like creatures of Chinese legends that cause storms. One-eyed Creatures Member of the original race of giants, each with one eye in the center of the forehead. Ouroboros Ancient symbol snake or dragon eat their own tail. Panther is a creature in an ancient legend that resembles a large cat with a multi-colored skin. The ancient Greeks considered the panther one of the favorite mountains of the god Dionysus. Periton is a hybrid creature resembling a winged deer. Phoenix Type firebird. Ping Feng Black Pig with your head on each end. Pinnacle Grouse has only one wing, and flies in a continuous circle around the top of the mountain. Pygmies are 27-inch dwarfs mentioned by Pliny and Aristotle, who inhabited mountains outside India, wagging war on cranes that attacked them for three months of the year. The Carthaginians also had a god named Pigmey, who was used as a figure on warships. queer Arm People with one hand and three eyes who build flying chariots. Rain Bird is also called shang yang, this bird creates rain by insing water from rivers in its beak. Remora Existing fish are sometimes called a sucker. In ancient times, it was believed that the remora stopped the ship from sailing. In Latin, remora means delay. Ropperite is a pony-sized animal that uses its laariat-like beak to envelop rabbits. Rukh Giant Bird. Salamander Legendary salamander is often depicted as a typical salamander in uniform, with a lizard-like shape, but is usually credited with intimacy with fire, sometimes specifically. elementary fire. Satires of the male spirit of nature with ears and tail resembling a horse. Scylla Girl with a keto tail and dog heads sprouting out of her body. A Seahorse is a water horse that sometimes surfaces to mate with ground horses. Shaggy Beast La Ferte-Bernard is said to be a beast that was invulnerable except for the tail of Simurgh winged, a bird-like creature that is giant enough to carry away an elephant or whale. It looks like a peacock with the claws of a lion, and the head of a dog or, sometimes, a human face. A singing beast is an animal that sits on its pains like a dog, but looks more like a horse. His camel-type socks and unable to produce his own milk, he raises his young, feeding them on milk Animals. It has an entrancing challenge that sounds almost like a glorious song. This creature was imagined by C.S. Lewis in Peredra. Sirens In Greek mythology, these are dangerous creatures that lured nearby sailors with their charming music and singing the voice of a shipwreck on the rocky coast of their island. The ouse, which is also called tin pig, is heard rattling his chains on the railway tracks at night, but it is never visible. The sphinx is a mystery-giving monster with a woman's head and a lion's body. Squonk Famous to live in the forests of Hemlock northern Pennsylvania. A strong toad, different from other toads by its tortoiseshell, a strong toad glows like a firefly, cannot be killed except by burning, and can attract or repel anyone nearby with its gaze. The angels of Swedenborg Are perfect souls of the blessed and wise, living in heaven of ideal things, each of which reflects the perfection of this sphere. The Devils of Swedenborg are people who, after death, prefer to go to hell rather than heaven. They are not happy there, but they are known to have more content in hell than they would have been in heaven. Sylph Mythological air spirit. Talos Bronze Giant. Dog Tao T'ieh with one (often monstrous) head attached to two bodies, which symbolizes the sins of gluttony and greed. Teakettler He said to resemble a small, chunky dog's legs with cat ears. Its name comes from the sound it makes, which is akin to a boiling kettle. He walks just backwards, and steams questions from his mouth as he makes his whistle. Thermal beings consisting solely of heat, from an earlier stage of the creation of the world. Ti-chiang faceless, supernatural bird with six feet and four wings. The Tigers are the Annam Tigers, who rule over four cardinal destinations, with the Yellow Tiger commanding them out of the centre of the world. Trolls In connection with the advent of Christianity in Scandinavia, pagan giants have turned into small, evil, stupid, inhabited in the mountains of elves. Elder Edda claims that the giants will cross the Bifrost, the great rainbow, in the Twilight of the Gods, breaking it with its weight and thus destroying the world. Trolls figure in Henrik Ibsen's Peer Gynt as a nationalist creature who view their squalor as a luxury and suggest putting out Per Gynt's eyes so he can avoid seeing the ugliness he encounters. a creature that can only feel the outside world through a verted regret. Unicorn Horse with horns. Unicorn China is an animal that looks like a unicorn. Highland trout Flying fish that nests in trees and is afraid of water. Valkyrie Choice killed from Norse mythology. Western Dragon Is a tall heavy snake with claws and wings. Miracles of God's Creation manifest themselves in the diversity of eight mysterious beings lives in the world of Bliss. Allegedly all sounds, sights and smells of this being are divine. Taken from the Enochian walks with God: Learned a spiritual traveler whose face to Mount Sion above was set, with an experimental account of what was known, seen and met withal There (1694) by Jane Lide. Youwarkee Semi-Bird semi-female heroine of the 1751 novel The Life and Adventures of Peter Wilkins Cornish Man Robert Pattock, Youwarkee is one of the winged mockers that inhabit the Antarctic island. Peter Wilkins - a shipwrecked sailor who marries her and turns them into Christianity. It is a sea creature of such a huge size to confuse the island, as sources in Anglo-Saxon, Irish, Persian and Greek literature and folklore, among other cultures, say. 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